A.—Sri R. DAYANAND SAGAR (Deputy Minister for Sericulture).—

(*a*) (1) Average annual requirements of the State :

(i) Cross-breed Disease-free Layings.—725 lakhs
(ii) Foreign Race Disease-free Layings.—11.25 lakhs
(iii) Mysore Seed Disease-free Layings.—38.50 lakhs

(2) Average yearly production :—

	Cross-breed Disease-free Layings.	Foreign Race Disease-free Layings.	Mysore Disease-free Dayings.
(i) By Government Grainages.	1,18,76,000	4,88,000	40,73,000
(ii) By licensed seed preparers.	5,87,00,000	7,00,000	—

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The following steps were taken :

(i) Supply of protected seed by Government and licensed seed preparers.

(ii) Rearers in flood affected areas were advised to stop rearing during flood seasons.

(iii) Conducting demonstrations in Chawki Rearing Centres.

Convening of Conference by the Mysore Silk Association.

Q.—179. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Mysore Silk Association have not convened any conference to ventilate their grievances and submit their proposals and recommendations to the Government for the last several years for want of encouragement by the Government ;

(*b*) whether they have applied for grant for that purpose ; and if so, why the grant is not sanctioned ?

A.—Sri K. MALLAPPA (Minister for Industries and Commerce).—

(*a*) The Mysore Silk Association do not appear to have convened any Conference for the past six years. The last Conference took place in 1958. But this cannot be said to be due to any lack of encouragement from Government.

(*b*) Yes, and it is under consideration.